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Urban District Council Offices,  
Kilwardby Street,  
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

March, 1974

1973

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Urban District Council of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

This report is being written in the very early days of  
March 1974 following receipt of CMO 2/74 dated  
22nd February 1974 from the Department of Health and  
Social Security.

Reference is made therein to the fact that certain  
information relating to vital statistics furnished by  
the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys are not  
yet available and will not be so before April.

It is therefore impossible to report to you with any  
degree of accuracy on the number of births and deaths,  
and any figures given must be regarded as provisional  
and may well differ materially from later figures.

I wish to thank all members of your staff and especially  
those of the Public Health Department for their help and  
support and to record my appreciation of the courtesy  
extended to me by the members of the Council.

Consequent on changes in the law and the fast approaching  
demise of this, with other Councils, this will be the  
last "Report of the Medical Officer of Health". I trust  
that the changes which become effective on 1st April, 1974  
will prove to be acceptable to the public and to their  
ultimate benefit.

Your Obedient Servant,

ANDREW HAMILTON

Medical Officer of Health

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"Barony",  
15 Neville Drive,  
Coalville.

Telephone Number: Coalville 3723



General Statistics and  
Social Conditions of the Area

Area (in acres) ... ..	5,985
Population (Registrar General's estimate to mid. 1972 ...	8,470
Number of occupiers houses (estimated) . ...	3,293
Number of occupied Council houses ... ..	723
Rateable value (1st April 1973) . ...	£392,369
Sum represented by a penny rate . ...	£10,430

Vital Statistics

Births. 517 births were registered as having taken place in the District, but 101 births, 54 boys and 47 girls, were applicable to the District itself, the remainder referring to parents resident outside the Area.

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number registered as occurring within the District.	35	29	64
Number of non-residents	<u>11</u> <u>24</u>	<u>4</u> <u>25</u>	<u>15</u> <u>49</u>
Number registered outside the District (provisional)	<u>13</u> <u>37</u>	<u>13</u> <u>38</u>	<u>26</u> <u>75</u>

The causes of death were approximately:-

Heart Disease	27
Cancer	14
Cerebral Vascular lesions	14
Diseases of the Lungs	11
Others	<u>9</u> <u>75</u> <u>—</u>

One baby died aged One Hour.  
There was one still-birth.

Infectious disease

Only 6 cases of infectious disease were notified, as follows:-

Scarlet Fever	2 - both in the 5-9 years age group
Measles	4 - 1 in the under 1 year age group 1 in the 1-2 years age group 2 in the 5-9 years age group

Meals on Wheels

12 visits involving 14 individuals, were paid in connection with applications for the service.

Medical Examinations

12 employees or prospective employees were examined with regard to their fitness for admission as contributors to the Superannuation Fund. 3 were found to be unfit for admission to the Fund.



LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH

.....M.B./Urban/Rural District

YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1973

1. WATER SUPPLY

(1) Has the water supply of the district been satisfactory

(a) In quality:- **YES**

(b) In quantity:- **YES**

(c) State particulars of any shortage which may have occurred during the year and steps taken to remedy same:-

**NIL**

(2) Piped supplies - results of sample taken for analysis:-

RAW WATER				TREATED AFTER GOING INTO SUPPLY			
BACTERIOLOGICAL		CHEMICAL		BACTERIOLOGICAL		CHEMICAL	
Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-

(3) Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in the district:-

INTERNAL MAINS WATER SUPPLY		MAINS WATER FROM EXTERNAL STANDPIPES		WELL WATER SUPPLY	
No. of Dwelling Houses	Population	No. of Dwelling Houses	Population	No. of Dwelling Houses	Population
3334	8430 (1972 figure)	-	-	2	29





(4) Water supply from Public Mains:-

(a) No. of ~~parishes~~ <sup>wards</sup> with piped water supply:-

(1) from public mains ..... <sup>ALL</sup>

(2) from private reservoirs ..... -

(b) No. of parishes without a piped supply of water ..... -

(c) Particulars of any extensions of public water supplies:-

(d) No. of cases in which piped supply was substituted for  
well water ..... <sup>None</sup>

(5) Recent Proposals State progress during year on current schemes:-

(6) Water supply from wells:

NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR ANALYSIS			
Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
Chemical	Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriological
-	3	-	2

No. of Wells closed ..... <sup>none</sup>

No. of Wells cleansed, etc. <sup>none</sup>.....



2. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

No. of cesspools constructed during the year ..... 1

No. of cesspools abolished during the year ..... -

Total number in district on 31st December, 19 ..... 57

No. of private sewage treatment plants constructed during year. .... None

Particulars of any extensions of sewers, or improvements during year:-

None

wards

No. of ~~parishes~~ with an efficient sewage disposal works ..... ALL

wards

No. of ~~parishes~~ where new schemes have been formulated ..... -

Recent Proposals State progress of new schemes of Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

3. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number of houses in the district on 31st December, 1973

(1) Privies ..7... (2) Pail Closets ..2... (3) W.C.'s ..3341

No. of closets converted to the water carriage system during year:-

(a) Privies .....7..... (b) Pails .....3.....

Is a grant made towards the cost of conversion? ..... Yes

What facilities are available for emptying cesspools?

What charge is made for emptying cesspools? ..... None

Pail closets:

(a) Disposal of contents ..... To sewer

(b) Frequency of emptying ..... weekly



4.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

- (a) Number and type of vehicles employed  
Dennis Paxit 111A 40 yard capacity  
Seddon Collectomatic 50 yard capacity
- (b) Frequency of collection weekly
- (c) Number of dustbins allowed per dwelling-house Unlimited
- (d) Is any special scheme for trade refuse in operation, if so give details.  
Yes £1.00 per year charge for weekly collection of 22 cu yd refuse

Disposal of Household Refuse:-

- (a) No. of controlled tips 1
- (b) No. of crude tips -
- (c) Incineration -
- (d) Possible alternatives, where tipping sites are proving difficult.
- (e) Is co-ordination of the service envisaged with neighbouring districts? (If so, give brief details.)

Tips used by Coalville U.D.C., Ashby-de-la-Zouch U.D.C. and

Ashby-de-la-Zouch R.D.C.

5.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading should be for all purposes, including particulars given elsewhere in this report.

- (a) Total No. of complaints received ..... 41
- (b) Total No. of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with  
..... 41



INSPECTIONS MADE

	Number of Inspections
Animal Keeping	6
Bakehouses	13
Dairies	6
Drainage Works	62
Dwelling-houses (all purposes)	2410
Infectious Diseases Inquiries	15
Food Poisoning Inquiries	-
Food Premises	170
Offensive Trades	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	107
Rodent Control (Excluding Rodent Operator visits)	31
Schools	7
Shops and Offices	51
Slaughter-houses & Meat Inspection	198
Smoke Control / Noise	28
Verminous and Dirty Premises	8
Caravans, etc.	3
Water Supplies	37
Factories and Workplaces	30
Other Inspections	662
TOTAL	3944





NOTICES

INFORMAL	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	-	5
Issued during year	-	17
Complied with during year	-	16
Outstanding 31st December	-	5

STATUTORY	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	-	-
Issued during year	-	1
Complied with during year	-	-
Outstanding 31st December	-	1

SUMMARY ACTION

No. of Summonses Issued	No. of Convictions Obtained
Housing .....	Housing .....
Public Health, etc. ....	Public Health, etc. ....

Brief details of successful summary action:-



8.

OFFICES, SHOPS and RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of premises	Total number on Register	Number of inspections	Accidents reported	Contraventions		
				Found	Remedied	Outstanding 31st.Dec.
Offices .....	34	10	-			
Retail Shops .....	56	30	2			
Wholesale Shops, warehouses .....	2	1	-			
Catering estab. open to the public, canteens .....	10	9	-			
Fuel Storage depots	1	1	-			
TOTALS	103	51	2			

Brief notes on any accidents reported, unusual problems, prosecutions, etc.

Two accidents were reported during the year which were as follows:-

1. Fall from steps
2. Cut of hand by knife

No further action was taken after investigation.

9.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963

- (a) Number of premises licensed ..... NIL
- (b) Number of inspections ..... NIL
- (c)



10. Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act, 1960

No. of Site Licences issued:-

(a) Individual vans ..... 6 Existing  
 (b) More than 2 vans ..... -

Action taken ..... -

11.

REGULATED BUILDINGS

Regulated Buildings	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action taken	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-	-
Canal Boats	-	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	-	-	-	-

12.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

Particulars of action taken:-

No. of council houses infested ..... -  
 No. of other dwelling houses found infested ..... 2  
 No. of houses disinfested ..... 2

13.

THE PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

(1) No. of premises licensed ..... 1  
 (2) No. of inspections ..... 1  
 Details of any contraventions ..... -



14. RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951 None
- (1) No. of premises registered for upholstering, etc.
- (2) No. of premises licensed for
- (a) Manufacture (b) Storage of rag flock
- No. of samples taken .....
15. (a) FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960 54
1. (a) Number of premises inspected .....126.....
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .....12.....
- (c) Number of Informal Notices served .....7.....
- (d) Number of Informal Notices complied with .....22.....
- (e) Number of Informal Notices outstanding 31st Dec. ....-.....
- (f) Number of Formal Notices served .....-.....
- (g) Number of Formal Notices complied with .....-.....
- (h) Number of Formal Notices outstanding 31st Dec. ....-.....
2. Particulars of any summary action taken: None
15. (b) FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1966 4
- (1) Stallholders complying with the Regulations .....NIL.....
- (2) Stallholders exempted .....17.....
- (3) Delivery Vehicles complying with Regulations .....NIL.....
- (4) Delivery Vehicles exempted .....NONE.....
- (5) Brief details of any problems encountered:-
16. CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956
- (a) Brief particulars of any action taken in connection with Smoke Control Orders. NONE
- (b) Any future proposals NONE
- (c) Recording stations in the district NONE
17. NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960
- Particulars of any action taken during the year
- Informal action against the owners of one factory to reduce noise from cooking fans





18. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

88

Number of Infestations dealt with	.....	88
Number of inspections (a) By Public Health Inspectors	.....	31
(if known) (b) By Rodent Operators	.....	N/K

Staff employed for these duties:

1 Rodent Operative (Part-time)

19. SCHOOLS

Particulars of any action taken in connection with Schools. NONE

Routine visits to school canteens 6

20. SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No. in area -

(a) Publicly owned	..... 1	(b) Privately owned	..... 1
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No. of inspections ..... 5

Any action taken to ensure the satisfactory condition of the water including number of samples collected and results.

Five samples were taken for bacteriological examination

All were satisfactory.

21. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

ICE-CREAM

No. of premises registered:-

(a) Manufacture and retail	.....	-
(b) Manufacture only	.....	-
(c) Retail only	.....	24

No. of samples	7	Results:	Grade 1	.....	7
			Grade 2	.....	-
			Grade 3	.....	-
			Grade 4	.....	-



# MILK SUPPLY

## DAIRIES (other than dairy farms) and DISTRIBUTORS (Section 8 Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959)

No. on register	No. of Inspections	No. of contraventions		
		Found	Remedied	Outstanding on 31st Dec.
DAIRIES 1	6	-	-	-
DISTRIBUTORS 22	8	-	-	-

## Biological Milk Samples

No. of routine bulk samples taken	Results of Biological Examination		
	Satisfactory	Evidence of living Tubercle Bacilli	Evidence of Brucella Abortus
-	-	-	-

Number of Individual Samples taken following a positive  
Brucella Abortus report on a routine sample:-

-  
.....

Particulars of any action taken in cases where there was evidence of  
living Tubercle Bacilli or Brucella Abortus:-

## Bacteriological Milk Sampling

CLASS	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Designation "Untreated"	2	2	2
"Pasteurised"	-	-	-
"Sterilised"	-	-	-
"U.H.T."	-	-	-



MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

1

No. of Licensed slaughter houses in area

Specified hours of slaughtering

No. of animals slaughtered therein

No. of animals examined therein

No. of carcasses inspected at time of slaughter

No. of Knackers yards in area

No. of visits to Knackers yards

7 am - 5 pm Mon - Fri  
 .....  
 2397  
 .....  
 2397  
 .....  
 15%  
 .....  
 NIL  
 .....  
 NIL  
 .....

Carcasses Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	549	-	-	423	1325	-
Number inspected	549	-	-	423	1325	-
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>	-	-	-	-	4	-
Whole carcasses condemned						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	147	-	-	52	546	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	22.5%	-	-	12.3%	30.1%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whole carcasses condemned						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	2	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.11%	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-



Meat Stalls (including Butchers Vans)	3
No. of inspections	.....
Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.	9
No. of inspections	.....
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale. No. of inspections	.....

22. HOUSING

A. NEW HOUSES

Houses completed  
during the year by:

1. Local Authority	.....
2. Private Enterprise	.....

Houses in course of  
erection at end of year by:

1. Local Authority	.....
2. Private Enterprise	.....

TOTAL No. of Post War Houses completed by (a) Local Authority .....

(b) Private Enterprise .....

Total number of applicants for Council Houses at end of year .....

Number of applications received during year .....

Any observations:-

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING YEAR:-

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	.....
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	.....
2. (a) Number of dwelling houses included under sub head (1) above which were inspected and re-corded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations	.....
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	.....
3. Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	.....





HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

In Clearance Areas	HOUSES DEMOLISHED	DISPLACED DURING YEAR	
		PERSONS	FAMILIES
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (10) Housing Act, 1957	7	31	13
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	-	-	-
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under Local Acts	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders			
B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED	Number		
(8) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by local authority	.....	.....
(12) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts, (b) Sections 9 & 16 Housing Act, 1957	.....	.....
(13) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957	.....	.....

D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957)

Position at end of year	Number of houses	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1)
(14) Retained for temporary accommodation	(1)	(2)
(a) under Section 48	.....	.....
(b) under Section 17 (2)	.....	.....
(c) under Section 46	.....	.....
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53	.....	.....



E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT

(16) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Order or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year.	Number of houses	Number of occupants of houses in column (1)
	(1)	(2)
	None	None
	.....	.....

F. HOUSING SUMMARY

(a) Total number of occupied houses in district (Estimated)	3293
(b) Total number of Council Houses occupied in district	723

G. HOUSING ACTS, 1949-1969

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

(a) What percentage grant of the approved cost does the council make towards reconditioning and improvements under the Acts	50%
(b) Number of applications for grants received during year	15
(1) From owner/occupiers	6
(2) Owners of rented property	9
(c) Number of applications approved	15
(d) Number of applications refused	-
(e) Number of houses improved during the year	10

STANDARD GRANTS

(a) Number of applications received for standard grants from:-	
(1) Owner/occupiers	4
(2) Owners of rented property	4
(b) Number of applications approved	8
(c) Number of applications refused	-
(d) Number of properties improved during the year	10

QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

(a) Number of applications for Qualification Certificates	1
(b) Certificates issued	2
(c) Provisional Certificates issued	2
(d) Applications deferred (pending repairs)	NIL
(e) Applications refused	NIL



GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREAS

(a) Number of areas completed during the year.	NIL
(b) Total number of houses involved.	NIL
(c) Number of houses improved.	NIL
(d) Number of areas scheduled during the year.	NIL
(e) Total number of houses involved.	NIL

24. STAFF

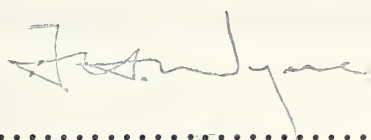
Number of Staff	(a) Qualified	2
	(b) Unqualified	1
	(c) Clerical	1

Has staff been increased or decreased during year, if so how? No

Is present staff considered adequate for proper performance of all duties?

Yes

15th March, 1974  
DATE .....

  
Public Health Inspector



FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

Inspections for purposes of provision as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

	No. on Register	Inspec- tions	Written Notices
Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-
Factories not included in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	56	30	-
Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	10	24	-
TOTAL	66	54	-

Cases in which Defects were found

Sanitary Conveniences (3,7)

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
(a) Insufficient	1	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	Nil	8
TOTAL	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>

PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORKERS

There are no outworkers in the district.

